presented satisfy the election requirement, and Applicants reserve the right to request rejoinder.

Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and request formal notification to that effect. If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any impediments, whether formal or substantive, to such notification, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below. Such informal communication will expedite examination and disposal of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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